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AMENDMENT A

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment, remarks and request for reconsideration is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 8, 2002 directed to the above-identified patent application.

The period for response to the Office Action mailed on October 8, 2002 ended on January 8, 2003. Please find filed herewith a petition for a two month extension of time. The period for response with the two month extension ends on March 8, 2003. Since March 8, 2003 is a Saturday, Sunday or Federal Holiday, Applicants respectfully submit that the filing of this response on March 10, 2003, along with a two month extension of time, is deemed timely.

If for any reason the enclosed petition should become separated from this response, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to consider this a petition for any extension of time required to maintain the pendency of this patent application. In this event the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1894 for any fee that may be required to maintain the pendency of this patent application.